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August 16, 1995

Mr. Christopher Corbett
United States Environmental Protection Agency
841 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Mr. Corbett:

Enclosed is a copy of the draft minutes of the August 15, 1995 Keystone Landfill Task Force meeting. The next meeting will be held on October 10, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. The location of this meeting will be announced at a later date. As you are aware, the meeting is scheduled to last for 1 1/2 hours.

We look forward to seeing you at the next Keystone Task Force Meeting

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen R. Maitland".

Stephen R. Maitland
State Representative

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DRAFT MINUTES

Keystone Landfill Task Force Meeting August 15, 1995 Union Township Building, Hanover, PA 17331

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Joseph Minor, Union Township Supervisor. Mr. Minor moved that the minutes from the last meeting be adopted.

It was suggested that the potentially responsible parties (PRPs) may seek legal action regarding proposed remedies. Susan Hardinger, PACE, questioned whether this action would result in halting the clean-up procedures. Chris Corbett, EPA, indicated that this litigation should not have a negative impact on the completion of the project unless a judge rules otherwise. However, he did indicate that it is extremely important that he receive the comments as soon as possible. EPA's position on the design is based on the comments of the Task Force.

Mr. Corbett confirmed that bottled water was offered to four households based on thallium detections in those homes. The PRPs are opposed to this action and declined an invitation to assist in paying for it. It was suggested that an alternative water supply should be provided for all residents. EPA has to justify providing this type of emergency action based on evaluation of all contaminants assessed at the site.

There will be four more rounds of sampling as part of the remedial and feasibility study. Sampling will continue on a regular basis and reports will follow accordingly. Citizens will have the opportunity to participate in the discussion of the location of the monitoring wells.

The soil gas survey resulted in a few "hits" for methane and xylene. Those sites will be retested. NUS was provided additional funding from EPA to meet with Mary Minor and Marcia Brown.

The remainder of the Task Force meeting centered around the issue of capping the landfill. At the July 11, 1995 meeting it was suggested that not capping the landfill may be an option to explore further. However, Pennsylvania law, administered through the Department of Environmental Protection, stipulates that all landfills are required to be capped. Concern was raised regarding the life span of a cap. As indicated in previous meetings, the life span of the suggested cap is 30 years. Mr. Corbett added that EPA will evaluate the site every five years and indefinitely if the landfill continues to pose a threat.

Mr. Corbett suggested that a meeting between EPA and DEP be held to explore alternatives to capping the landfill in certain areas where it makes sense to delay such action. Mr. Joseph Minor, Union Township supervisor, asked those agencies to keep in mind that the citizens have "suffered and waited long enough".

EPA may be under financial constraints due to the federal budget. Also, concern was raised regarding an unpaid bill to St. Mary's United Church of Christ for the April workshop. Susan Hardinger indicated that ATSDR agreed to pay the usual rental rate. Several bills have been sent to ATSDR but payment has not been rendered as of this date.

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